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In Re Patent Application of:
Futoshi Tanigawa et al.

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Title: POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE
BATTERY, POSITIVE ELECTRODE USING THE SAME AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2005 (Paper No. 08152005).

This response is being timely submitted by November 18, 2005.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are presently pending in the application.

The Examiner has again rejected claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over each of U.S. Patents Nos. 6,358,648 of Hayashi et al. ("Hayashi") and 6,083,642 of Kato et al. ("Kato"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and the arguments in support thereof for the reasons set forth in the previous Amendments, which Applicants rely upon in full, and for the additional reasons set forth below, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.